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NOTE: Each inventor must be identified by full name, including the family name, and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial, and by his/her residence, post office address and country of citizenship. 37 CFR § 1.63(a)(3).

NOTE: Inventors may execute separate declarations/oaths provided each declaration/oath sets forth all the inventors. Section 1.63(a)(3) requires that a declaration/oath, inter alia, identify each inventor and prohibits the execution of separate declarations/oaths which each sets forth only the name of the executing inventor. 62 Fed. Reg. 53,131, 53,142, October 10, 1997.

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Practitioner's Docket No. 02275

PATENT

☒ Applicant ☐ Patentee _____
☐ Application No. ☐ Patent No. _____
☐ Filed on ☐ Issued on _____
Title: AUTOMATIC SLIDING DOOR CLOSURE DEVICE

STATEMENT OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY
(37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(1))—INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(1), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office, with regard to the invention described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith, with title as listed above.
☐ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

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Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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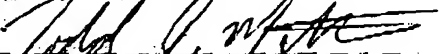


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Date 6-25-03

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent application

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Inventor(s)

for AUTOMATIC SLIDING DOOR CLOSURE DEVICE

Title of invention

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith

OR

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- (1) Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);
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- 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

NOTE: "Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section." 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

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- (1) each inventor named in the application;
- (2) each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
- (3) every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application." 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c).

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3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
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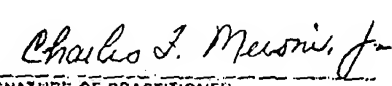
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